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Applicant DISCOVERY COMMUNICATIONS, INC.		

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☐ None of the figures.

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

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According to International Patent Classification (IPC) or to both national classification and IPC

B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

Electronic data base consulted during the international search (name of data base and, where practical, search terms used)

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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A	<p>WO 98 08344 A (SACHS JAMES ;VIRTUAL PRESS (US); POMEROY THOMAS W (US))</p> <p>26 February 1998 (1998-02-26)</p> <p>abstract</p> <p>page 5, line 22 -page 7, line 25; figure 1</p> <p>page 15, line 1 - line 21; figure 4D</p> <p>page 21, line 5 -page 23, line 10; figures 6B,6C</p> <p>---</p> <p>---</p>	<p>13,18, 34,60, 70,76, 101</p>

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